sensitive from the point of view of environment to encourage the cultivation of forest trees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) There is no specific proposal to encourage farmers to adopt the cultivation of trees in such areas particularly in the Central Himalayas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has launched National Afforestation Programme which is implemented through Forest Development Agencies (FDA) and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) throughout the country including Central Himalayas Regions. During the year 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 196 crores has been earmarked under the scheme.

Workshop on urban lakes in Hyderabad by Hyflux Group

1381. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-day workshop was organized on urban lakes in Hyderabad by the Singapore-based Hyflux Group on water quality management to control water pollution;

(b) whether as a result of implementation of their suggestions, there is vast improvement in the quality of water in Hyderabad reservoirs; and

(c) the details of the salient recommendations of the world agency and whether these are proposed to be implemented in other areas to improve the quality of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) A three-day workshop was organized by Hyderabad Urban Development Authority on Urban Lakes — Conservation and

Management from 16th to 18th June, 2003 at Hyderabad. The following salient recommendations emerged from the Workshop:

- Work towards the establishment of an international protocol for urban water bodies,
- Establish an international network of individuals and organizations,
- Documentation & dissemination of best practices in management of urban water bodies with relation to financial, technology, social and ecological sustainability,
- Enact the Urban Water Body Conservation & Management Act which calls for inter-departmental coordination and provides a legal framework with flexibility for implementation of appropriate local solutions including the involvement of civil society at the highest level and
- Integrated managment of urban catchments.

Assistance to Dudhwa National Tiger Project

1382. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total grant given as assistance to Dudhwa National Tiger Project by Government, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and others;

(b) what is the total collection from tourists in Dudhwa Tiger Project;

(c) whether it is a fact that domesticated elephants, which are being used for tourists purpose are in a very bad condition and are sick and weak due to lack of proper care and food; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to prevent unusual death of wild animals in Dudhwa Project and also for proper care of domesticated elephants, used for tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) The total budget released for Dudhwa National Park during the last